GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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KUDANKULAM ATOMIC POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Kudankulam Atomic Power Project;

(b) whether Russian Government has released funds for the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage utilisation of such funds so far; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be become operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINIS STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE O F T H E MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES A N D PENSIONS A N D MINISTER O F STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) was entered into between India and Russian Federation in the year 1988 for setting up of 2x1000 MWe VVER type nuclear power plants at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu. A supplement to IGA was entered into in the year 1998 for implementing the project on technical co-operation basis instead of turn-key basis. In terms of the Agreement, the deliberations on the Detailed Project Report (DPR)/Preliminary Safety Analysis Report (PSAR) and negotiation of techno commercial offer received from them are still in progress. Work on preliminary infrastructure facilities at site has also been undertaken.

(b), (c) & (d) The Russian Government has extended a State credit on soft terms to cover 85% of the cost of the Russian scope of supplies and services. Only one contract, for elaboration of the DPR, has been signed with the total contract value of 57 million US$ so far. The credit utilisation against this contract as of March 2001, is 45.42 million US$.

(e) The targeted date of completion of the Project is December 2007 For unit-1 and December 2008 for Unit-2.